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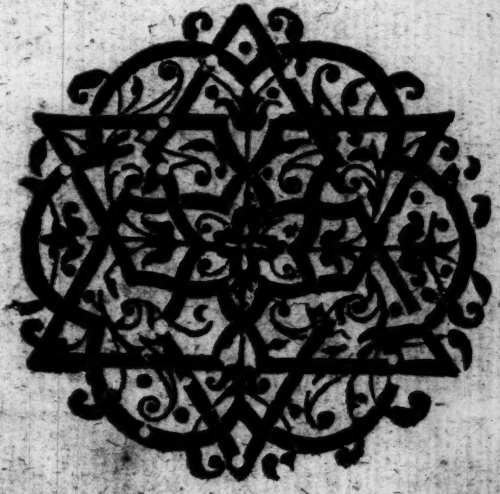

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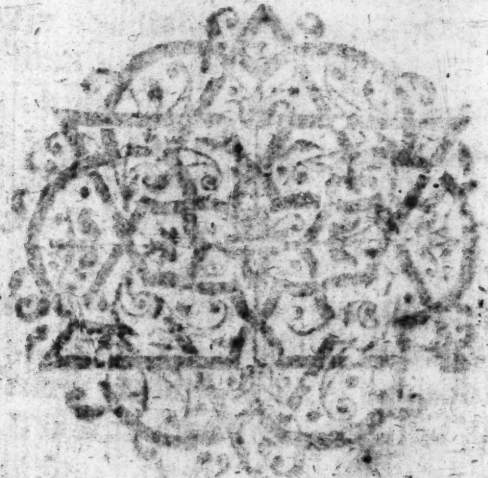

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BEſides the particular charges, and loſſes, which all ſorts of perſons have ſuſtained this time paſt, and beſides other extraordinary charges which are hereafter mentioned, we doe according to our knowledge, and as we have received information by ſuch as had politicke publick truſt, preſent to your Lordſhips, viewe, and conſideration, the publicke charges and burdens, under which the whole Countries do lye, as followeth in the ſchedule anexed to the account, (*viz.*)

The account of the ſeverall Regiments that were firſt employed, amounts to the ſum of 72293. pound 15. ſhillings Engliſh mony. For Artillery, and Amunition at the ſame time, the ſum of 13388. pound 6. ſhillings 8. pence. The fortifying of the Caſtle at Edenborough, and Floring ſome fortifications made in Bruntill, and Inchgrave, Kinike and Arrane, the works, and fortification made at Leith, ſo much of the Accounts as came in at Whitſontide extends to the ſumme of 5292. l. 3. s. 4. d.

We doe pay for three tearms Annall thereof betwixt Whitſunday and Martimas at 8. l. *per tearm* ex-

tends to the summe of 10809. l. 14. s.

Item, The souldiers of Forten being compleatly, from the first of September, in the Regiment, counts above written to the last of December, being foure moneths, extends to the summe of 8333. l. 6. s. 8. d.

Item, The laid souldiers the number of them being augmented by their comming home from that time to the fourth of *May*, extends to the summe of 10833. 6. 8.

Item, For the battery made to defend the Castle of Edenburgh, running trenches made for carrying Amunition and convoying men about a great part of the town in view of Earth, Deale, and Dung, for saving the people throw all the town, for making up the fortification of Leith, that came not in to the former account, and for reparation of the worke, and for fortification and trenches to the parties, whose grounds, gardens, and houses, were demollished, for making the fortification, and trenches about the Castle, extends to the summe of 7166. l. 13. s. 4. d.

Item, For General Major *Monro* his Regiment from the first of *March*, to the last of *November*, extends to the summe of 15000. l.

Summa clusters 143223. l. 15. s. 8. d.

Item, For two small Regiments kept in Edenburgh for garding the towne, and keeping watch about the Castle, they consisting on 1200. men, being listed in the end of *March*, and were kept to the beginning of *October*, extends to the summe of 10500. l.

Item

Item, For the pay of 400. foot that lay at Mi roste, from the begining to the last of *August*, and for leavy mony of 4. s. 6. d. apeece extending to all, the sum of 1920. l. 13. s. 4. d.

Item, For 60. horse that lay there in troopes foure moneths, extends to the sum of 816. l. 6. s. 8. d.

Item, Lieutenant Colonell *Homes* Regiment from the first of *Aprill* to the last of *November*, extends to 70500. l.

Item, The Earle of Argiles expedition in this yeare, extends to 3333. l. 6. s. 8. d.

Item, The Factors counts of amunition and armes this yeare, extends to the summe of 25000. l.

Item, The foot Army consisting betweene 22000. and 24000. men, with 2500. horse, was 3. moneths and an halfe at 40000. l. a moneth, do extend to the summe of 140000. l. *Item*, the Army being a moneth and an halfe, extends to the summe of 60000. l.

Item, Levy monies advanced to the footemen to bring them to the Randevous, to some 2. s. to some 3. s. to some 5. s. as they lay in distance from their Randevous, which was at the least to every footman over head 3. 4. d. which extends to the summe of 3646. l. 13. s. 4. d.

Item, Leavy to 2500. horsemen at 6. s. 8. d. apeece extends to the summe of 833. l. 6. 8. d.

Item For entertaining of souldiers at the Castle of Dumberton, and upon Clyde, making fortification at both places, doe extend to the summe of 30343. l. 6. s. 8. d.

Item, The Earle of Marshall his Regiment extends to the summe of 30333. l'. 6. s. 8. d.

Item, My Lord *Sinclars* Regiment being lately divided, extends to the sum of 10666. l'. 13. s. 4. d.

Summa literis 206904. l'. 13. s. 4. d.

Item, The value of 65. ships given up in the list, besides many others not yet come to our knowledge, which with the loading and losse they had by want of trade, by nine moneths rest, extends to the summe of 52700.

The delivery of the shippes will abate so much of this as the shippes are presently worth.

Item, About five hundred Scotch ships were stopped from trading, by the English ships, by the space of six or seven moneths: Many of the native commodities, that use ordinarily to be exported, were sold the third peny downe of their value, the prejudice thereof shall bee instructed, much to exceed that which we desire, but doe onely here let the summe herein to extend to the summe of 50000. l'.

Item, For some fortification made at Tantallam, and a watch kept there, and at the Basse and Linton bridge, the summe of 7000. l'.

Item, For two shippes sunke at Clyde, to stop the passing of the English, some having come in before, and were valued at 600. l'.

Summa literis 104000.

The Kingdome of Scotland hath sustained divers other great burthens of this nature, which wee willingly

singly undergoe by our selves, and doe represent the same to consideration; but your Lordships may conceive how much wee are thereby disabled to beare any so great part of the burden as wee would otherwise have willingly undergone: As first, the particular charges sustained by the Nobility, Gentry, Burroughes of our Kingdome, by reason of the great troubles and Armies which shall bee made appeare to be above 100000. l'.

Item, the neglect and over-sight of their particular fortunes, can be no lesse then the 100000 l'. aforesaid, besides expeditions in the North, that cost above 1000. l'.

The stop of Trade was of prejudice to Scotland, above 50000. l'.

18000. l'. a moneth will not defray the charge of our Armies at New-castle, and in Scotland; besides, the 850 *l'. per diem*, which we receive from the Northern parts and Countries.

There was furnished by the severall Shires of the Kingdome, 2000. Baggots, horses for carrying victuals to the Souldiers they sent out.

And about a thousand were bought for carrying the Commanders baggage, of which above 1000. have been lost in England, and have perished in the journey; and of 500. horse, and 100 Oxen for the Common, the halfe is also lost; which losse will amount to above 6500. l'.

Many of the 2500. troop horse cost at the severall prices by the Shires, and will lose of them, partly by death, and partly by decay above 5500, l'.

Summe of the last, 271500. l'.

The English Lords Commissioners questioned the Scottish Commissioners for charges, whether this be a positive demand, or whether an intimation of the charges there, to induce the Kingdome of England to take your distressed estate into consideration, and to affoord you some friendly assistance.

The answer of the Scots Commissioners to the question of the English Lords, concerning the summe demanded for their charges.

We would be no lesse willing to beare the losse, if we had ability, then we have been ready to undergoe the hazard; but because the burthen of the whole charge doth farre exceed our strength, we have, as is more fully contained in our papers, represented unto your Lordships, our charges and losses, not intending to demand a totall reparation, but in some measure beare the remnant; which wee conceive your Lordships having considered our reasons to bee a matter, not of our covetousnesse, but of the justice and kindnesse of the Kingdome of England.

FINIS.